

**VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: January 20, 2005

Section(s) affected: 2085.2

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file. The information contained therein is updated as follows:

The Board has identified that there may be a cost impact to those licensees who do not meet the criteria necessary to qualify for a waiver of the continuing education requirements. The cost impact for a licensee to obtain the required continuing education varies depending on the type, delivery method and location of the CE. An estimated price range for one to earn CE may be \$0 for self-study to \$700 for all 36 hours (this is very common for veterinarians attending a large conference).

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Small Business Impact

The Board has determined that the proposed regulations would not affect small businesses.

This regulatory proposal involves clarifying the existing regulations relevant to requesting a waiver from the continuing education requirements. The changes strengthen consumer and animal protection that the board is mandated to uphold.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative that was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to private persons than the proposed regulation.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses

The following recommendations and/or objections were made regarding the proposed action during the 45-day notice period:

There were no objections or recommendations regarding the proposed action.

Finding of Necessity

This regulation will not require licensees to submit a report.